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City of San Bruno
567 El Camino Real
San Bruno, CA 94066

The Mayor and City Council invite our community to ...

THE BART BOARD OF DIRECTORS
INVITE YOU TO THE

*San Bruno Station Open House
&
Art Unveiling*

Featuring the works of commissioned artists
Christine Stone & Gordon Huether

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2002
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

JOINT POLICE FACILITY DEDICATION TO FOLLOW



BART **SAN BRUNO** **samtrans** **SFO** **METROPOLITAN**
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BART - SFO Extension

Please join us at Police Plaza, 1177 Huntington Avenue, San Bruno, for the Dedication and Open House of our new joint Police facility immediately following the BART Station event.

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Zero emission vehicles added to City fleet

In the latest example of San Bruno's ongoing commitment to reducing City government's impact on our environment, the City has secured three free zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) made available as vehicle manufacturers seek to comply with California air-quality requirements. Thanks to Mr. Jim Blakely of Hayward Ford, the City of San Bruno has been allocated two of 100 available Ford TH!NK electric battery-powered vehicles, which can be easily recharged by connection to a standard 110-volt power outlet. These donated vehicles will be utilized in the Public Works-Parks Division and the Police Department. The third new ZEV, a Chrysler GEMcar, was obtained through a program administered by the National Parks Service. This two-passenger all-electric utility vehicle, which runs on six 12-volt batteries, is outfitted with a truck bed and will be well suited for the maintenance operations of San Bruno City Park.

The Ford TH!NK ZEV assigned to the San Bruno Police Department will be used by the Tanforan/Towne Center Beat Officer for patrol, to transport items to off-site property storage locations, by Community Service Officers to patrol areas near the Police Facility, and for alternative patrol capability for special community events. The Parks Division ZEVs are ideal for use in various park maintenance functions in San Bruno City Park, including emptying of the recently expanded park recycling container program. This quiet battery-powered vehicle will replace an existing compact gasoline-powered pickup, and will be a less intrusive impact on visitors to the Park.

So, next time you see City workers in one of these little vehicles, remember that San Bruno is helping save our environment!



Members of the public, City staff and Councilmembers admiring one of the new vehicles at a recent City Council meeting.

I.D. your home

Operation Identification is a program designed to discourage the theft of valuable items from your home and other locations. Operation Identification provides a way for you to easily mark your property with a personalized number. This gives law enforcement the ability to identify ownership, and return personal property that is lost or stolen. Law enforcement recovers countless pieces of stolen property every year. In many cases, the owner of the property cannot be determined, and the property is either destroyed or sold at auction.

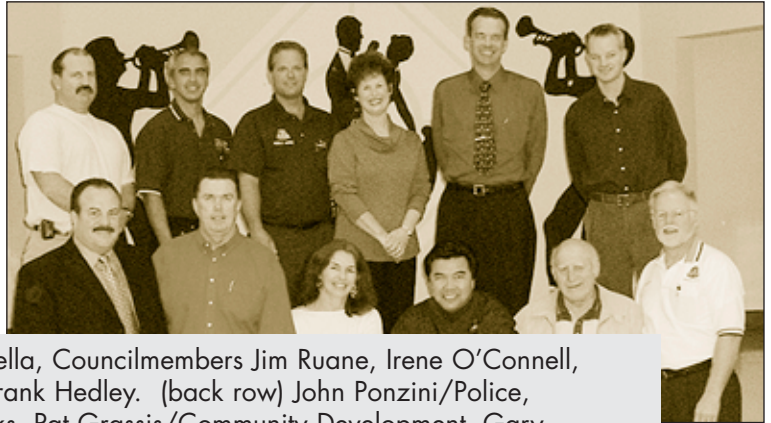
If you are interested in joining Operation Identification, contact the San Bruno Police Department Support Services Division at (650) 616-7115. Once you are registered with the program, you will be loaned an electric engraver, free of charge, for a specified length of time. Members of Operation Identification may also receive decals to put on doors and windows to indicate that their valuables are marked.

The engraver is used to mark individual items such as stereo equipment and televisions. The number(s) used to mark these items are up to the individual owner; however, it is recommended that you use your driver's license number. No matter what numbers are used, always remember to keep an up-to-date record of all marked items. For deterrent purposes, the identification number should be visible and easily accessible without damaging the appearance of the item. A second hidden number can be applied on larger surfaces if required.

Operation Identification is one important step in combating burglary and theft. Contact the San Bruno Police Department to learn about other precautions you can take to make your home safer.

San Bruno appreciates its employees!

The City recently thanked all its employees by hosting a breakfast in their honor. The Mayor, City Council, and City Manager all spoke and thanked the employees for their hard work and dedication to the City. An employee from each department was recognized as the Employee of the Year who made a difference in each department.



Pictured left to right: (front row) Mayor Larry Franzella, Councilmembers Jim Ruane, Irene O'Connell, Ken Ibarra, and Chris Pallas, and City Manager Frank Hedley. (back row) John Ponzini/Police, Ed Foncesa/Cable TV, Brian Kennedy/Public Works, Pat Grassis/Community Development, Gary Carson/Fire, and Tim Wallace/Library. Awardees not pictured: Kathy Moore-O'Malley/Finance and Mary Tessier/Recreation Services.

City of San Bruno new business licenses for 4/1/02 through 9/30/02

The following businesses have opened in San Bruno or had a change in ownership. We encourage you to visit these new businesses and shop locally, as a portion of the sales tax paid is returned to the City and used to provide City services.

BUSINESS NAME	BUSINESS TYPE	BUSINESS ADDRESS	PHONE NO.
AFM Realtors of America	Real Estate Agents & Mgrs	881 Sneath Lane #101	650-827-0880
Askage	Beauty Shop	1001 Sneath Lane #204	650-244-0605
Atlantic Bancorp of America, Inc.	Mortgage Broker/Loan Arranger	881 Sneath Lane #100	650-877-8119
Bargain Galore	Family Clothing Store	104106 Skycrest Center	650-871-1234
Best Inn & Suite	Hotels & Motels	611 San Bruno Ave East	650-589-5089
Bollywood Fashions	Misc. Apparel/Accessory Store	616 San Mateo Ave	650-589-6388
California Dive Center, Inc.	Retail Dive Equipment/Lessons	715 El Camino Real	650-588-4998
Chavarria's Market #3	Grocery Store	632 San Mateo Ave	650-589-4004
Citymutual Financial	Mortgage Broker/Loan Arranger	583 San Mateo Ave	650-992-2800
Crestmoor Preschool	Children-Daycare/Pre-School	850 Glenview Dr	650-616-8589
Cugini Delicatessen	Deli (new owner)	521 San Mateo Ave	650-952-6475
Days Inn	Hotels & Motels (new owner)	1550 El Camino Real	650-616-9600
Dean Bagley; George Fisher; et al.	Operators of Nonres. Bldgs.	508-510 San Mateo Ave	650-583-2905
Dora's Psychic Readings	Psychic Services	215 El Camino Real	650-952-3736
Elegant Flooring	Floor Cover/Carpet Store (new owner)	481 El Camino Real	650-583-0664
Five Star Autobody (new owner)	Auto Body/Upholstery & Paint Shop	916 San Mateo Ave	650-952-5303
Fresh & Natural Skyline Café	Cafeteria	3300 College Dr	650-738-4246
General Nutrition Center	Health Food Store	26 Bayhill Shopping Ctr	650-588-6001
Gorralandia	Misc. Apparel/Accessory Store	460A San Mateo Ave	650-615-0361
Grade A Cabinet and Material	Furniture Store	797 San Bruno Ave East	415-260-0882
Home Buyers Alliance	Real Estate Agents/Mgrs	1250 Bayhill Dr #200	650-866-3000
Ichiko's Skin Care	Beauty Shop	725 Camino Plaza	650-225-9788
Inquira, Inc.	Computer Programming/Software Svcs	851 Traeger Ave #125	650-246-5000
The Invitation	Beauty Shop	759 Kains Ave	650-871-5059
MLM Dental	Dentists	550A Taylor Ave	—
Nelson's CADD/Mapping Service	Computer Related Services	901 Sneath Lane #117	650-244-9667
New Crystal Inc.	Goldfish Wholesale	1282 Montgomery Ave	415-613-4683
Okane Sushi	Restaurant	1789 El Camino Real	650-872-2218
Plexiframes, Inc.	Office/Store Fixtures (new owner)	1217 Montgomery Ave	650-875-2704
Quality Tune-Up Shop #28	Automotive Repair Shop (new owner)	501 El Camino Real	650-588-3589
R and C Cargo Services	Import/Export	1053 Sneath Lane	—
Royal Quality Prewowned Vehicles	Automobile Sales – Used Only	529 El Camino Real	650-869-5500
Silver Spot	Jewelry Store	Kiosk – Tanforan Mall	650-871-4405
Stalex Menswear	Men/Boys Clothing/Accessory Store	107 Tanforan Mall	650-347-1153
Superior Auto Repair	General Auto & Engine Repair	1229 San Mateo Ave	650-225-9444
Taylor Gordon Law Group, P.C.	Legal Services	999 Bayhill Dr #160	650-583-9399
Tom & Jack's Auto Service & Repair	General Auto & Engine Repair	798 San Bruno Ave East	650-873-1637
Transmission Auto Repair & Body Work	General Auto & Engine Repair	1265 San Mateo Ave	650-952-5986
Unlimited Tool Repair & Fabrication Inc.	Tool Repair/Related Services	1245 Montgomery Ave	650-333-4557
West Coast Mobile Home Parks Inc.	Operators of Mobile Home Parks	881 Sneath Lane #110	650-589-8757
Yummy Toy King of Thai Cuisine Inc.	Restaurant	1780 El Camino Real	650-583-5995

Live Scan services now available in San Bruno

The San Bruno Police Department recently acquired a new machine for Electronic Fingerprinting—also known as Live Scan. Live Scan has the ability to digitally transmit fingerprints to the California State Department of Justice, who checks the backgrounds of individuals, which may be required as a condition of employment. Live Scan will result in an improved level of service by reducing the time it takes to process applicant fingerprints. Prior to Live Scan, applicants were required to travel to the Hall of Justice in Redwood City to use Live Scan. Now, the procedure can be completed locally.

Our Police Department also uses Live Scan for identity confirmation on suspects in crimes, and in the booking process of arrestees within our City. An arrestee's fingerprints can be processed in a matter of seconds and their identity confirmed. This will result in the immediate identification of wanted or dangerous suspects who might have otherwise slipped through the system when using the old ink-rolled method and mailing the prints to the Department of Justice.

Because of the direct efforts of the CAL ID RAN Board, the City of San Bruno received \$24,668 in funds from the State of California for the purchase of the Live Scan equipment.

Fingerprinting is available for all applicants by appointment. Applicants will need to provide a current and valid driver's license or California Identification Card. If the applicant is under the age of 18 and does not have either form of ID, we will accept a birth certificate and secondary form of photo ID. Also



accepted are passports, out-of-state driver's licenses, and military ID cards. The applicant must also produce a "Request for Live Scan Service" form that should be provided by the employing agency. The Live Scan operator will enter information from the submission form and capture the fingerprint images. The captured information is immediately transmitted to the Department of Justice over a telephone line.

General Information:

Hours: Monday and Friday mornings: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Monday nights: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Fees:	San Bruno Police Department processing fee:	\$18.00
	State of California Department of Justice fee:	\$32.00
	FBI fee:	\$24.00

Cash or Money Order only. No checks accepted.

For more information, contact the San Bruno Police Department at (650) 616-7100.

The Avenue Unveiled !



Cleaner! Lighter! More parking! Working and shopping on San Mateo Avenue in downtown San Bruno is becoming a more pleasant experience, thanks to nearly six months of construction and improvements. Visible improvements that have been, or are expected to be, completed by the first of December include:

- ♦ New curbing, providing better street-sweeping accessibility and drainage
- ♦ Additional on-street parking spaces
- ♦ New planter pots with new street trees
- ♦ Refurbished street pavement surface and new striping
- ♦ Cleaning of sidewalks
- ♦ Improved pedestrian safety signage at mid-block crosswalks
- ♦ Brighter, whiter nighttime street lighting
- ♦ New seasonal and promotional

- banners and entryway signs
- ♦ Signed parking restrictions for street sweeping

All of these improvements will be celebrated in early to mid-December with a Grand Opening, as San Mateo Avenue becomes The Avenue—centerpiece of a vibrant downtown for our community. Come downtown and look for details about when you can join in the festivities.

From the desk of . . . Pamela Thompson, City Attorney

I would like to take this opportunity to share with you information and background on two new City ordinances that may affect you and your neighbors.

Because San Bruno takes pride in itself, the City has been working diligently on creating and implementing a property maintenance program, sometimes referred to as “code enforcement.” One part of that program was to revise the City’s nuisance ordinances. The City Council approved two new ordinances that go into effect on November 8, 2002.

There are three goals contained in the ordinances. One is to identify what constitutes a nuisance. The second is to promote effective voluntary compliance by the public. The third is to provide effective

enforcement tools for the staff.
What are nuisances?

Most of it is common-sense stuff. It is about keeping things looking nice and keeping things safe, thus avoiding blight. Blight means property that is so poorly maintained that it reduces the aesthetic appearance of a neighborhood, diminishes property values, or creates hazardous conditions. For example, storing junk and debris where others have to see it is not okay. Lawns and vegetation should be trimmed back, and trash cans should be put away. A boat, trailer, or camper should be stored in a garage or approved driveway.

But the ordinances are not just about residential neighborhoods. There is a renewed emphasis on commercial properties. For exam-



ple, a nuisance is also an apartment building that endangers tenants because it is structurally unsafe or a store that looks bad because it has broken windows or dilapidated signs.

How do the ordinances promote voluntary compliance?

Most people will do the right thing as long as they know what is

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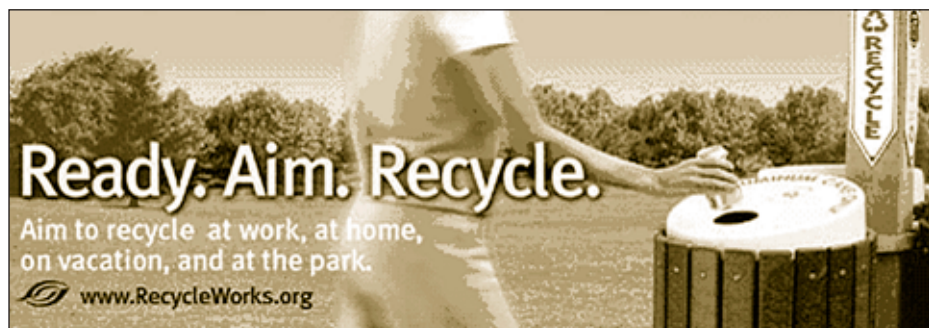
City encourages residents and businesses to “complete the circle”

It's no accident that the symbol for recycling is a circle of arrows. Reusing and recycling materials are only part of the effort needed to reduce the strain on environmental resources. Consumers must also purchase goods created from recycled materials in order to make the circle complete.

San Bruno has long encouraged recycling, and those efforts continue. For example, the City has recently installed new recycling containers, purchased with grant funds from the California Department of Conservation, at 22 locations in 7 City parks. These containers, which allow for easy recycling of plastic, glass, and metal cans and bottles, are located in high-traffic areas throughout the City's park system. According to Parks Services Manager Dave Perazzo, the new recycling containers will improve the appearance of the parks by providing patrons with additional containers for proper disposal, as well as helping the City to meet its 50 percent recycling goal.

To complete the circle that begins with recycling, the City is also partnering with other Bay Area cities and counties to sponsor a Buy Recycled Paper Campaign next February. We are asking San Bruno workers and residents to make a special effort to use recycled paper at work and at home.

How can you help? You can start by buying toilet paper and paper towels made from recycled paper, not trees. Most stores carry at least one brand that proudly



announces that their products include recycled content. While at work or buying paper for your home printer, be sure to request paper that has at least 30 percent “post-consumer” recycled content - meaning that at least 30 percent of the paper is made from fibers that were salvaged from a previous paper product such as office and printing papers. It is important that you specifically look for and request recycled paper because most of the paper on the shelves is not recycled.

“Consumers believe they no longer have to ask for recycled, but more than 90 percent of the printing and writing paper made in this country is still made from

trees,” says Susan Kinsella, Executive Director of Conservatree, a Bay Area non-profit organization that educates paper buyers on environmental paper purchasing. “Every ton of recycled paper substituted for

non-recycled paper saves 12 trees (newspaper) to 24 trees (office papers) and a significant amount of energy and water that otherwise would be required to make paper from trees. Recycled paper also reduces air pollutants, a byproduct of paper production.”

Kinsella said that when recycled paper first became available on the market more than twenty years ago, concerns about cost and quality limited its appeal to consumers. Now recycled papers are high quality, meeting the same requirements as non-recycled papers. In addition, price differences have become so small that many recycled papers are priced about the same - or less - than paper without post-consumer recycled content. Best of all, they can be used successfully at home and at work in a wide variety of uses, from finicky copiers to high-end graphics printing.

To learn more about using recycled paper, visit the Bay Area Buy Recycled Paper Campaign Web site at www.BayAreaRecycling.org, or call the RecycleWorks hotline at 1-888-442-2666. For tips on other ways you can “complete the circle,” visit www.RecycleWorks.org.



Example of one of the new recycling containers purchased for use in our City parks.

City improves Tree program

At its October 8 meeting, the San Bruno City Council approved two ordinances designed to improve the beauty and health of our community by protecting the City's trees. The first of these ordinances was a comprehensive rewrite of the City's long-standing Street Tree ordinance. This revised ordinance supplies a definition of Street Trees and provides for continuing the City's program of planting and maintaining such trees.

The City's Parks Division has also recently completed a new pruning schedule for the City's Street Trees. Street Trees maintained by the Division will now be pruned once every four years. The former schedule, which called for maintenance every three years, led to significant backlog in pruning.

The second ordinance adopted by City Council is new to San Bruno and provides protection for mature trees throughout the City. This new Heritage Tree ordinance declares such trees, whether located on City or pri-



vate property, to be an asset to the community at large and provides penalties for removing or improperly pruning these trees. Heritage Trees are defined as trees that have reached a diameter of ten inches or more when measured at 54 inches above the natural grade. Five tree species native to this area (bay, buckeye, oak, redwood, and pine) are protected when they measure six inches in diameter at 54 inches above grade. The City Council may also designate other trees

as Heritage Trees, and certain stands of interdependent trees may together constitute a Heritage Tree environment.

Both ordinances also provide for the replacement of trees that are legally removed, and for this replacement to be made with a sizable tree. Also established is a tree-planting fund for the City. These ordinances, in combination, will serve to more effectively protect trees in San Bruno and provide a greener community for all.

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expected. The code enforcement staff will be working with people when they are violating the ordinances to help them understand how to comply. In fact, the most effective way of keeping things looking nice and keeping things safe is through people working together, one property or one neighborhood at a time. That means every resident taking responsibility to help out a little bit. Help an elderly neighbor take in a trashcan or mow their lawn! Or, sort through that extra stuff and donate it or dispose of it by calling San Bruno Garbage.

How will the City enforce this program?

Through the new ordinances, the City now has a wide array of procedural tools staff can use to address nuisances. These range from administrative citations (fines) to seeking compliance where necessary through the courts. Of course, taking legal action is not the desired way to get things done. That is reserved for when the City is out of options.

What's next?

The City still has a lot of work to do on its end. The City is in the process of filling a key position, building official, who supervises the code enforcement staff. With its heavy caseload, staff has to prioritize issues, with safety

being the first concern. And finally, staff has to restructure its internal processes to conform to the City's direction as illustrated by the new ordinances.

But as a lawyer, I have to tell you. Laws are great, but they need you, a member of the community, behind them. You are the key. Everybody has to help in order to make these ordinances work. That's what a community is really about.

Any questions on code enforcement should be directed to the Community Development Staff at (650) 616-7076.

Focus on ... your questions

Q: How are runways numbered?

A: SFO has four (4) runways arranged in two (2) sets of parallels. All runways are designed to face the prevailing wind directions, since aircraft must both land and take off into the wind. Runway ends are named according to their compass heading with the last zero dropped. Thus, at SFO the runways are 01/19 Left and Right (010o and 190o respectively), and 10/28 Left and Right (100o and 280o respectively). As the rules of geometry apply, subtracting one heading from another (190o – 10o) leaves 180o or a straight line.

Runway lengths at SFO vary. In some cases, a particular aircraft type, usually heavy long-haul international flights, will require the longest available runway departure. The lengths of runways at SFO are as follows:

10L/28R – 11,870 ft.	01R/19L – 9,500 ft.
10R/28L – 10,600 ft.	01L/19R – 7,000 ft.

Q: How much of my property tax payment goes to support City services?

A: San Bruno property owners' annual property tax payments are divided among a large number of agencies. The total is allocated to San Mateo County, San Bruno Park School District, San Mateo Union High School District, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and 9 other agencies, including the City. The City receives \$14.30 out of every \$100 in property tax paid by City residents. In 2002-03, the City projects it will receive a total of \$3,700,000 in property tax revenues. While this is one of the major tax revenues for the City, the operating costs for the Police and Fire Departments alone will be approximately \$14,000,000.

Q: I see different messages displayed on the downtown San Bruno marquee located at San Mateo Avenue and El Camino Real from time to time. Who determines the message content and when it will be displayed?

A: The marquee is owned by the City of San Bruno. The purpose of the marquee is to announce charitable, educational, municipal, or civic events. The Public Works Department—Parks Division is responsible for maintaining the marquee, and also maintains a calendar for postings. The messages, typically posted for two weeks at a time, must be for San Bruno-based events that are open to the general public. Events or messages sponsored by the City of San Bruno receive first priority; others are posted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Q: Are there ways that teenagers can become involved with the Police Department?

A: The San Bruno Police Department has had an Explorer Post since 1976. Police Explorer Post #559 has afforded teenagers and young adults the opportunity to volunteer their services and to familiarize themselves with police operations. In addition to learning in a classroom setting, Explorers participate in practical instruction pertaining to traffic control, laws of arrest, and juvenile law. Explorers also participate in ride-alongs with officers, assist clerical personnel, aid in search and rescue. They also assist with the Posey Parade, Mission Bell Festival, and other large events. In order to become an Explorer Post member, applicants must be between fourteen and twenty years old, have received school grades that are "C" or above, and successfully completed a background investigation that includes recommendations from school administrators, employers, and neighbors.

Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony changes venues

Due to the City Hall renovation project, this year's Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at the Recreation Center in San Bruno City Park. We will light up the park as the St. Robert's choir sings holiday carols. Kids can enjoy working on a holiday craft project and visit with Santa Claus while everyone snacks on holiday cookies, hot cider, and hot chocolate. This year, bring canned food or an unwrapped toy to donate to the food drive or the Toys for Tots program. We will have collection barrels available for donations.

Thursday, December 5, 2002 at 5:30 pm
San Bruno City Park

Frequently Called Numbers (Area Code 650)

Building Permits
616-7076

Business Licenses
616-7032

Cable TV
877-8889

City Clerk
616-7058

City Council
616-7060

City Manager
616-7056

Finance
616-7080

Fire - Business
616-7096

Graffiti Hotline
616-7141

Library
616-7078

Neighborhood
Improvement
616-7074

Recreation
616-7180

Human Resources
Division
616-7055

Parks
616-7195

Planning
616-7074

Police - Business
616-7100

Public Works/
Corp. Yard
616-7160

Public Works/
Engineering
616-7065

Senior Center
616-7150

Streets
616-7161

Utility Billing
616-7086

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